

Maple Syrup, 1999

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Pennsylvania's 1999 maple syrup production is estimated at 67,000 gallons, down 7 percent from the 1998 production of 72,000 gallons. The value of production was \$1.57 million, compared to \$1.87 million in 1998.

Overall, Pennsylvania's season was favorable for syrup production. 1999 production is lower than 1998 due to the dry weather conditions during the latter half of 1998. Many growers reported less flow per tap.

Nationally, maple syrup production decreased in some states and increased in others. Yield per tap valued among states, with five states averaging above a year ago and the five

remaining states average below last year. The 1999 tapping season started three days later than a year ago, but lasted only one day less. Syrup color was medium to light amber. The sap's sugar content was about average for most states.

Nationally, maple syrup production in 1999 totaled 1.18 million gallons. Production was valued at \$32.3 million. The U.S. estimate covers 10 states, including the New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont, and Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Vermont leads all states with production totaling 370,000 gallons.

Pennsylvania: Maple Syrup Production, Price & Value, By State & United States, 1998-1999

State	Production		Average Price Per Gallon		Value of Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	(000) Gallons		Dollars		(000) Dollars	
Connecticut	9	13	41.10	41.00	370	533
Maine	170	187	20.60	21.50	3,502	4,021
Massachusetts	47	44	36.20	36.00	1,701	1,584
Michigan	55	73	32.00	29.70	1,760	2,168
New Hampshire	67	61	36.20	36.00	2,425	2,196
New York	231	195	26.85	25.70	6,202	5,012
Ohio	78	95	29.80	28.40	2,324	2,698
Pennsylvania	72	67	26.00	23.40	1,872	1,568
Vermont	360	370	29.00	29.00	10,440	10,730
Wisconsin	70	75	23.10	23.70	1,617	1,778
U.S.	1,159	1,180	27.80	27.40	32,213	32,288

Pennsylvania: Maple Syrup Production
& Value, 1976-1999

Year	Production	Value
	(000) Gallons	(000) Dollars
1976	40	424
1977	47	564
1978	42	504
1979	57	770
1980	56	857
1981	62	1,042
1982 ¹	-	-
1992	95	2,337
1993	40	964
1994	59	1,363
1995	43	1,079
1996	71	1,747
1997	63	1,638
1998	72	1,872
1999	67	1,568

¹ Survey was discontinued from 1982-1991.